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mysterious negotiations were going on during the month of August 1953 between representatives of the Polish Communist regime and the representatives of the North African underground organization named 'Etoile Nord Africaine' or ENA.

2. "These negotiations, in which both parties seem to have reached some satisfactory agreements, took place in Zurich and Paris, and their subject was providing the ENA with various equipment needed for its subversive activities.
3. "The ENA is an underground organization of long standing, as it was formed by the Comintern during the period between the two world wars.
4. "It is understood that the ENA is to pay for the supplied equipment in US dollars to the account of the Polish Legation in Switzerland.
5. "There is no definite information on the talks which the Polish Communist representatives had with the ENA people in Zurich. In Paris, on the other hand, it is known that a special delegate of the Warsaw government arrived at the end of July 1953 and spent some time in the Polish Embassy as the guest of the Embassy's secretary Ogrodzinski. It is also known that he had a series of conversations with a delegate of the ENA named Pierre Mazella (name could be an assumed one) in the Polish Consulate. News seeped out that in these talks the Polish representative agreed to sell to the ENA some signal equipment of the Polish Army which has been withdrawn from use in Poland and which is said to be very suitable for North-African conditions.

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6. "The signal equipment applies particularly to field radio stations of the type:

- UNA - F-43, F-42M, TAI-43, and I-43.

7. "The identity of the guest from Warsaw has been kept strictly secret. People who have seen him can state only that he is a burly, youngish man with red-blond hair whose Christian name is Tadeusz and who speaks a halting French. In his talks with Mazella, he was assisted by the Polish Deputy Consul in Paris - Radzikowski."

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